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In re Application of:)
HIROYUKI INOUE, et al. ✓) : Examiner: C. Hallacher
Application No.: 08/796,519 ✓) : Group Art Unit: 2853 ✓
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants
respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the enclosed
copy of Australian Examination Report that issued during
prosecution of an Australian patent application corresponding
to the above U.S. Application.

The Australian Examination Search Report is dated
February 22, 2001. In view of this date, it is hereby
certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that the information in
this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a
communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart

foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Both of the documents cited in the Examination Report have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated March 17, 1999.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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Examiner's first report on patent application no. 10004/00
by CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA

Last proposed amendment no.

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am replying to the request for normal examination. I have examined the application and I believe that there are lawful grounds of objection to the application. These grounds of objection are:

1. The invention defined in at least claim 42 is not novel when compared with the following documents* which disclose all the essential features of the invention claimed:
 1. US 4853708 A (WALTERS MICHAEL A) 1 August 1989
 2. EP 0395197 A (TEKTRONIX, INC.) 31 October 1990
2. There is no Notice of Entitlement on file.

* Cited against the corresponding EP application.

You have 21 months from the date of this report to overcome all my objection(s) otherwise your application will lapse. You will need to pay a fee for any response you file after 12 months from the date of this report before I can consider that response.

Yours faithfully,

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